

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-20 and 22-28 remain pending in this application. Claims 9, 13, 18 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 23-28 have been added.

**Priority**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

**Specification**

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality. No new matter has been added.

**35 U.S.C. §112**

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under this section. As these changes are believed to be self-explanatory, no further comment is made herein. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further clarification is needed.

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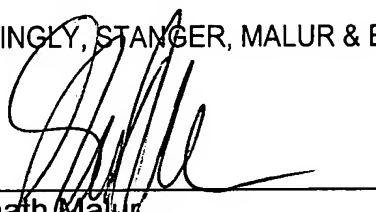
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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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